

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-4 and 7-18) for prosecution in the subject application. In response to the species election, Applicant elects “depression” as a species. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a corresponding divisional application. In addition, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to remove the phrase “a condition that results in depression, or a similar condition.” Claims 1 and 9 have also been amended to be directed to delayed and sustained formulations of hydrocortisone that are “adapted for oral delivery.” Support for the addition of this language can be found in the specification on page 12, lines 18-21.

Based on the foregoing Amendment, the claims are in condition for substantive examination. If any issues remain to be addressed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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